

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday February 27th 2005

4 Metre Activity

Activity will be taking place on 70.2625 on Tuesday the 1st of March between 20:00 and 22:00. All are welcome to participate.

Tipperary Amateur Radio Group

The next meeting of The Tipperary Amateur Radio Group will take place on Thursday next the 3rd of March in Raheen House Hotel, Raheen Road Clonmel at 8:00 p.m.

South Dublin Radio Club

Morse classes have been held in South Dublin Radio Club for the past few months, run by one of Ireland's most experienced CW operators, Paul O'Kane EI5DI. A number of SDR members have recently passed the CW test. Paul Hegarty is one of them, and he has swapped his "B" call sign for the two-letter call EI8JQ. Congratulations to Paul.

A new date has been set for the Annual General Meeting of South Dublin Radio Club. The AGM will now take place on Tuesday the 8th of March at the club QTH, at 8.00 pm. Please note the change from the previously announced date.

To enable the winners of the Spring Challenge to be announced and the prizes presented at the IRTS AGM on 13th of March, logs should be submitted to the club to arrive no later than Tuesday the 8th of March. Paper logs may be sent to or given to Jim Holohan EI4HH, the club chairman, or sent by email to Jim at his email address hoholaj2 at hotmail dot com.

Cork Radio Club

Look out for the special call sign EI05CCC which is now on the air to celebrate Cork City being European Capital of Culture for 2005. To commemorate the event Cork Radio Club and the East Cork Group have come together with a special award for

working this call and either EI5CRC, EI1C or EI7M. Further details are available on QRZ.com.

Slow CW Net

EI2JP has received several indications of interest in the QRS CW Net, which will be starting in the next 2-3 weeks. This informal net will meet one or two nights a week with a view towards maintaining a modest CW proficiency.

All respondents have been sent an email questionnaire, which should be returned as soon as possible, so that a schedule can be formed.

Experimenters wishing to participate are asked to contact Ron, EI2JP, by email at ei2jp at kerry dot com or by phone at 086-600-5499.

Further information on the net will be posted shortly on the web at www.kerry.com

IRTS AGM and Limerick Rally

The Limerick Radio Club are proud to be hosting the IRTS AGM and Dinner this year in association with their annual rally. The events are to be held in the newly refurbished Greenhills Hotel Limerick over the weekend of the 12th and 13th of March. This year is shaping up to be the best yet with even more new traders attending.

Bring and Buy will also strongly feature at this year's event, so if you have any equipment that you want to dispose of, this is the time to do it.

As per usual, a very strong contingent of local suppliers will be there namely, Back from the Future (Dublin), Cellcom (Galway), Long Communications (Donegal), Sean Martin (Elphin) and not forgetting Southeast Communications from Waterford. From the UK this year, for the first time is BHI Ltd (who specialise in DSP noise reduction products). Icom UK, Linear Amplifier UK and Yaesu UK will also be attending.

There maybe facilities for the professional wiring and fitting of mobile radios and aerials to vehicles on the day, this is looking very promising but has yet to be confirmed.

The club are hoping to have a Packet and ATV demo running on the day as well as a fully operational VHF/HF station for visitors use. Anybody looking for tables on the day please contact Paul EI6FE on 061 360122 or pkei6fe at eircom dot net. Due to the

increase in costs the club has had to increase the cover charge to 6 euro. They very much regret this increase.

The IRTS Pre-AGM dinner will be held on Saturday night the 12th at 2000 hrs sharp. Tickets cost 30.00 euro and please let Paul know of your intention to attend. The club need an indication of numbers for the hotel. The menu will be available on our web site soon and the club had to battle hard with the hotel to keep the cost of the meal down to an acceptable level. There are a number of rooms booked in the hotel under the name of LRC, please book early as the hotel is full and rooms are limited. Costs are 100 euro per couple and 70 euro single both B&B basis.

There are a number of confirmed raffle prizes and these are as follows.

From BHI Ltd. an NES10-2 plus 1042 Switch Box, Icom UK are donating an ICR5 Receiver and Yaesu have given an FT 817. There may well be other items on offer during the Pre-AGM dinner. You will have to come and see...

For any enquiries or questions please do not hesitate and contact Paul EI6FE. The Limerick Radio Club is looking forward to meeting with all their friends old and new from around the country.

Kerry Amateur Radio Group Field Day

Kerry Amateur Radio Group will be holding their March field day on Saturday, March 5th, from a site on Glanbrack Mountain (near Tralee, Co. Kerry). The emphasis of this field day will be on the higher DX bands, and several HF stations have all ready committed to operations on 30-10 metres. Several new portable aerials have been constructed since the previous event and the group are anticipating a larger than normal logbook.

More information on the group's activities can be found at www.kerry.com Particular attention should be drawn to the "news" page which has both club and non-club dates for the diary listed. Further information can also be had by emailing clubinfo at kerry dot com.

Trophies

Winners of Trophies at the 2004 AGM in Limerick are reminded that in order to allow time for any minor repairs and missed engraving over the years due to late returns, trophies are now overdue for return to the awards committee. Also, Societies Clubs and individual members are reminded that Nominations are required for the non-

contest trophies of which there are four.

For those involved in construction, there are two coveted awards available. See the 2003 Year Book for more information. Applications and nominations can be made to Peter Grant EI4HX, Chair, Awards Committee. Trophy returns also to EI4HX at QTHR or any member of the IRTS Committee.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The Annual General Meeting of the club took place on Wednesday the 23rd of February last in the Roanmore Social and Sports Club in Waterford. The meeting was well attended and the committee reports and election of officers was followed by a discussion.

The committee for 2005 is as follows; Chairperson is John McCarthy EI8JA and Eoin Doherty EI7FXB continues in the position of Vice-Chairperson. Mark Wall EI7IS takes up the post of Secretary while Michael Hoban EI5DCB continues in the position of Treasurer. Nicholas Madigan EI3JB fills the position of Public Relations Officer.

Committee officers are John Ronan EI7IG, Eddie Steadman EI9DJB and Egidio Gianni EI8IQ.

Upcoming Contests The CQ 160 metre SSB contest will take place for 48 hours over the weekend of the 26th and 27th of February.

The ARRL International SSB DX Contest will take place for 48 hours over the weekend of the 5th and 6th of March.

The National Mills Weekend takes place over the weekend of the 7th and 8th of May 2005. More information can be had from www.g4cdd.net/mills.html

Dxpediton to St. Paul Island

CY9SS are planning for a DXpedition to St. Paul Island from the 7th of June to the 7th of July. Operation is planned on SSB, CW, WSJT and EME on 6 metres and 2 metres. There will be a separate 6 metre station dedicated to Trans-Atlantic communications, 2-3 stations on MF/HF bands including WARC. The HF stations will operate SSB, CW, RTTY, PSK31 on appropriate sub bands. The groups aim is to provide a new country or band mode country to as many radio amateurs around the world as possible.

The scope of the proposed expedition in 2005 will require assistance from DX organisations, radio clubs and vendors as well as individuals who are interested in

supporting an expedition of this size. For more information, visit www.cy9ss.com

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded to Mark EI7IS. News should be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Fridays.

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